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OF NASHVILLE,

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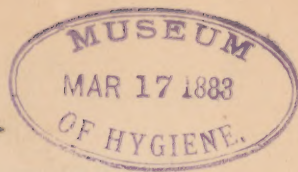
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NOTE.—The Vice-Presidents are Chairmen of their respective Ward and District Committees.

ADDRESS.

To the Officers of the Auxiliary Sanitary Association :

GENTLEMEN :—The immunity of our beautiful city from the inroads of pestilential disease is an object which appeals to every interest, social, domestic, commercial, manufacturing, educational and political, within its bounds. It is the duty of every citizen to do his utmost to secure this, and by a united and earnest effort, we believe it can be done. We call your attention to the fortunate escape of Nashville last year from the plague of yellow fever, and to the fact that this escape was largely owing to the exertions of the Board of Health and its officers. There was a race, as Dr. E. M. Wight has expressed it, between Yellow Fever and Frost, and Frost won, because the sleepless exertions of sanitary officials kept down the food on which the Fever would feed. This terrible fever is again devastating our sister city. And although Nashville is a favored locality, although the city was never cleaner than it now is, and although it compares favorably in that respect with any city in the world, yet we must bear in mind that eternal vigilance is the price of freedom, as well from disease as from political slavery. The city, clean as it to-day is, if neglected a week during this weather would become a hot-bed of disease. Sanitary reforms must go on unceasingly. Not alone must the dreaded yellow fever be kept from among us, but scarlet fever, typhoid fever, diphtheria and the fearful Asiatic cholera must and can be made only horrible memories of the past. Five years ago, when the Board of Health began its operations, Diphtheria raged in every street ; nearly every one of you lost some little darling of your family or acquaintance ; the rumor of the presence of the disease injured your schools and colleges, but sanitary expedients have almost, if not quite, expelled it from our borders. All of you must have noted the diminution of typhoid fever cases in our mortuary reports, and the absence of that shudder with which the news of a scarlet fever case in our neighborhood, was formerly

received, must be attributed to the thorough watchfulness, and wise regulations of the health officials. Cholera itself is no more dreaded in the British cities. We remember when that disease was the dreadful incubus of Great Britain, when its approach was more dreaded than the plague of the Middle Ages, when on its coming, the people fled in all directions, when, literally, grass grew on the streets of London, and the tumbrils rolled along the streets nightly to convey the day's dead to nameless graves. And now, what is the result of wise sanitation? The occurrence of cases of Asiatic cholera in a city is read of in its morning papers by its people, with no more interest or excitement than the news of a railroad accident, or the details of an outbreak among the savages of Borneo. Sanitation must do the same for Nashville, and you can help to do it.

Our Board of Health is formed of four intelligent and patriotic physicians, who give their education, their judgment, and their doubly valuable time to do, what? To ward off disease and thus lessen the resources of their own income. This prevention of disease they acknowledge to be the noblest aim of their noble calling. And to effect this they give their time and talents, asking no return from the community but an obedience to their wise regulations framed on the experience of the learned physicians of the world. No classes of citizens give so much of their labor to the public as medical and scientific men. Will you reap the fruits of the labors of medicine and science and not aid in the work?

The idea of an Auxiliary Sanitary Association was developed in New Orleans one year ago. The citizens pledged themselves to support the Board of Health in its labors, to carry out their views, when their hands were tied by lack of appropriation, to act as thousands of pairs of intelligent eyes to enable them to see every nuisance that had to be abated, and to give them moral support by educating their fellow-citizens in the schools of Cleanliness and Precaution. And the newspapers of the week show the result of their labors. New Orleans in the end of summer free from the least taint of epidemic disease! Other cities have followed the example of New Orleans with like Auxiliary Associations, and have been blessed with like success.

Now you have voluntarily associated yourselves to make and keep Nashville, what the self-sacrificing, intelligent men who

form your Board desire it to be, a city so clean that the angel of death will see the sign and pass over it.

I. This must be done by giving the Board of Health your moral support. Let each gentleman use his influence, and you have much, with the city authorities to continue their liberality to the Board, and convince them how true it is that the city had better spend thousands of dollars on prevention than lose millions by neglect. Let each instruct his less-informed neighbor why he should keep his premises clean, that sanitary officers are not intruders and spies, but watchmen and faithful guardians, and that each citizen, no matter how humble his station, can do his part towards making the city of his birth or choice, healthy, happy and prosperous.

II. You can aid the Board financially. Much money is not wanted. In all probability the City Government will furnish the funds the Board asks for its immediate aims. But the very education of the people needs some expenditure for printing, and every one should be informed of the objects of our Association. We would also recommend the purchase of at least two hundred copies of the Third Report of the Board of Health now in the press, for distribution among yourselves and the leading men of your wards and districts. You can induce each merchant, each farmer and sojourner of your acquaintance to contribute something to help the Association in its work, and demonstrate to them how abundantly it will be repaid. The Board may call upon you for extra scavenger aid, and you should be prepared to grant it. Let the Financial Committee also go to work at once and make a beginning.

III. There are many nuisances in the city which should be abated. While the streets and alleys are kept in perfect order by the Scavenger Force, yet you must remember that these officers have no right to enter a citizen's backyard to abate a nuisance. We need sanitary laws to destroy for ever the 2424 surface privies on the 1824 acres of the city limits, perpetually breathing out their vile exhalations and poisoning the lower air of the city. Remember what a large proportion of your citizens sleep on the ground floors, and that they demand pure air. Your aid and influence are needed to secure the passage of a law which will make a surface privy in Nashville in six months a thing of the

past. Then we may calmly read in our papers that the Cholera has left Kandahor, or is approaching Bagdad. The news will have little interest then, certainly need excite no apprehension.

IV. Each of you should act as a Volunteer Inspector. Not by intruding yourself upon your neighbor's premises, but by quietly watching and noting as you pass to your daily work. What you note should be committed to writing and sent to the Sanitary Inspector for his immediate attention. This can be done quietly, no names need be used, you need not fear the odium of an informer, for the work will be done, without the source of the information being divulged. And thus will the City Health Officer become like the fabled Argus, with a hundred intelligent eyes watching the approach of the enemy at a hundred avenues.

V. You will all become more or less acquainted with the residents of your Wards or Districts. In each of them there are many poor who would willingly carry out sanitary rules, but they have not the means. It is your duty to report such cases to the officers, that their premises may be attended to, and the expense borne by the City or the Association. One neglected nuisance may poison a whole Ward, and it is the personal interest of the rich to see that the poor are imbued with the virtue of cleanliness.

VI. Many of you will be astonished to know that scores of the very poor die annually in Nashville without having seen a Doctor, or getting any assistance whatever. It is your duty to see that the sick poor have medical attention. Thus you will not alone perform a work of humanity, but you will lessen the death-rate and increase the fair fame of your city. Our devoted medical men are always willing to attend the poor gratis, but you cannot expect them to leave their business to hunt up the cases. All you have to do, is to inform yourself of the existence of the sick and report to the Health Officer, who has a corps of able and willing physicians ready to attend them, and a dispensary to supply them with medicine.

VII. It is your duty to hold yourself in readiness to attend the meetings of the Association or its Executive when called upon. Of these you will have due notice. You will not be called together for any trivial matter, but you must know that when you are called, your attendance, your advice and your assistance are required, and you are in duty bound to attend, if your health,

the nature of your business, or your domestic affairs will permit.

VIII. Finally, be all of one mind, be earnest, watchful and industrious, and with God's help, we will make Nashville, the Manchester and the Athens of the South, and the City of Refuge, whose air is balm, and whose waters are as the pool of Bethesda.

Respectfully, yours,

J. P. McGUIRE, *President.*

GEORGE S. BLACKIE, M. D., *Secretary.*

J. N. SPERRY, *Treasurer.*

